IN THE FIGURES:

Please REPLACE the drawing sheet including figure 12 with the drawing sheet attached hereto including figure 12.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the application. On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Figure 12 should be designated by a legend such as "Prior Art." Applicants have submitted herewith a corrected replacement drawing sheet including Figure 12.

Claims 1, 4-8, 10, 14-20, 23-29, 32-35, 38-41, and 45-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0090502 (Yuasa).

Applicants respectfully submit that only claims 1-8 are currently pending in the present application, as brought to the Examiner's attention in a telephone conversation with Applicants' representative. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner correct the error in identifying the pending claims of the present application.

Yuasa is directed to an information indicating method that employs an information sharing apparatus coupled with an information transferring apparatus for transferring information. The method also includes an information viewing apparatus for viewing the information through a network.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 4, and 7 are patentable over Yuasa, as Yuasa fails to disclose each and every element of the claims. For example, Yuasa does not disclose a brain node including a node search section.

Rather, Yuasa simply discloses an information sharing server. Yuasa's information sharing server receives a request for search issued from a terminal. In contrast to the present invention, the server in Yuasa simply processes the request itself and does not search for a data access node which is capable of accessing data for which a data access request is intended, as the request was intended for the server itself. See Yuasa, page 2, paragraph 33.

Therefore, independent claims 1, 4, and 7 are patentable over Yuasa, as Yuasa fails to disclose a brain node including a node search section, for example. As dependent claims 2 and 5 depend from independent claims 1 and 4, respectively, the dependent claims are patentable over the reference for at least the reasons presented for the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 3 and 6 are patentable over Yuasa, as Yuasa fails to disclose a plurality of data access nodes including a request reception section which receives a data access request transmitted from a brain node. In contrast to the present invention, the terminals in Yuasa do not receive a data access request. Rather, the Yuasa terminals transmit requests for data to the information sharing server. See Yuasa, page 2, lines 1-3 of paragraph 33.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.
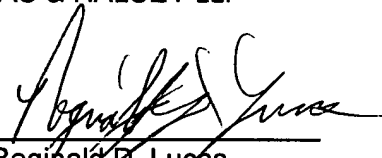
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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